STATEMENT TO SUPPORTERS AT ARRAIGNMENT

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On November 29, 1984, anti-imperialist resistance fighters Tim Blunk and Susan Rosenberg were captured by the Cherry Hill, N.J. police. From the time of their capture, they refused to give up any information to the police, FBI or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. They were identified only after their fingerprints were flown by helicopter to the FBI's headquarters in Washington, D.C. They are being held under maximum security in the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City and have been subjected to intensive political harassment by the prison administration and the US Marshals. As of this point they have not been physically abused, although the two comrades, along with members of the New York 8 Against Fascist Terrorism also held in the MCC, are under extraordinary restrictive conditions in the name of "security".

While they were in an attorney visit, they were interupted by agents of the FBI and ATF and served with subpoenas for the clothes they wore at the time of their arrest, and to search their cells for eyeglasses and shoes. The prison already had the clothes, which the agents seized, but Tim and Susan refused to give over their shoes. Unprepared for a fight in the attorney's visiting room, the agents said they would return with a court order to use force. Tim and Susan were able to destroy this property rather than turn it over to Federal agents.

After being brought to Newark Federal Court in an armed caravan with two helicopters, the two comrades were "arraigned" before a judge lacey on December 12. They are charged with the transportation and possession of weapons and explosives. They are currently in the midst of a hearing to determine whether they can be held without bail (preventative detention) under the conditions of the new fascist 1984 bail reform act.

On Thursday of this week, Tim was served by the FBI with a subpoena to appear in a line-up as part of the state's "investigation" of the armed clandestine movement. He will resist, as other captured fighters have done - Sekou Odinga, Judy Clark, David Gilbert and recently Ray Levasseur.

We urge you to read this statement and find out who these people are. They are not what the bourgeois press says they are.

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We are revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance fighters - we are combatants from the armed clandestine movement in the U.S. We are not guilty of any "crime". It is not a crime to make revolution. It is not a crime to build revolutionary resistance against the single greatest enemy of the people of the world: US imperialism.

We are not different than the millions of people around the world who have made great sacrifices, forging revolutionary organizations to win national liberation and build socialist societies. We are part of the international guerilla front fighting within oppressed nations and inside the centers of imperialism. We have taken up one task that all revolutionary movements around the world, including our own, have built of necessity.

This government has the audacity and moral decadence to charge us as "criminals" for transporting explosives and weapons - the same government that maintains supply lines to the fascist government of El Salvador and airlifts war material to the contras in the now overt war against Nicaragua. The US government is in no position to accuse any revolutionaries of being "criminals" and "terrorists". We love the people. We have the highest regard for human life: that is why we are revolutionaries. Our examples, the comrades that we seek to emulate are the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, the New Afrikan and BLA Prisoners of War, Native American POWs, and anti-imperialist freedom fighters, who have set the highest standards of resistance inside the kamps. Our hopes are with the comrades in the field whose anonymous work and dedication is the guarantee of our struggle's future.

We denounce the FBI/Joint Terrorist Task Force counterinsurgency operations used to root out and criminalize the struggle's most dedicated freedom fighters, such as the NY8. The only "crime" these comrades have committed is that of fighting for the liberation of the New Afrikan/Black Nation. We join in the demand for their freedom and an end to the FBI-led grand jury.

The repressive apparatus directs its most intensive efforts against the armed clandestine movements and their combatants who daily risk capture and murder. The state's investigations become a means to intimidate the movement and cut off support for the clandestine forces. The grand juries are political detention. Once captured, revolutionaries are buried in the kamps, subject to isolation, harassment, physical abuse and murder. We add our voices to the thousands who demand proper medical treatment for Puerto Rican P.O.W. Haydee Beltran Torres.

Further, we denounce the capture, imprisonment and brutality used against the 5 North American comrades captured in Cleveland, Ohio. Their lives have been threatened by the NJ State Police and their children kidnapped by the government. Electric shock batons were used against Ray Levasseur in the courtroom as he attempted to protest a court order to give up samples of his hair and then later when the FBI seized them by force. This government must be put on notice that such treatment of captured resistance fighters will not be tolerated. They will not be abandoned by our movement.

We want the people to know that we will not cooperate with any of the government's requests for physical exemplars, line-ups, etc. and will resist if we are forced. We will in no way collaborate with the enemy's investigation of the armed clandestine movement. We extend our solidarity and support to all those who have refused to collaborate with the grand juries. This has become a principle of our movement.

We say: Long live the armed clandestine movement of the Puerto Rican revolution!
Long live the armed clandestine movement of the New Afrikan Independence Movement/Black Nation!
Long live revolutionary anti-imperialist armed resistance!
Their advance is our advance.

Tim Blunk
Susan Rosenberg

December 12, 1984

Come to court
Write to Tim and Susan at: Metropolitan Correctional Center
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